

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF
SOUTH CAROLINA EXTENDING CHRISTMAS WISHES TO
THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. DECEMBER 21,
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MY FELLOW SOUTH CAROLINIANS:

Once more we have reached the season when men feel their kinship with one another and with the Prince of Love and Peace. And once again, part of our world is war-torn and suffering. Children starve and men die violently under the same stars that shone on Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

There was hate and destruction in the world into which Jesus came. A tyrant sought to destroy Him, though he was called the Prince of Peace. But the Child lived, and through the long centuries men have honored the time of His coming.

At this Christmas season, let us not lose hope for the fulfillment of the promise of peace made by the gentle Gallilean. Let us remember that mankind's desire for "peace on earth, good will toward men" has outlived all wars.

In the faith that our hope shall one day be reality, I want to extend to each and every one of you my heartfelt good wishes for your happiness at this joyful time of year.